

CHAPTER 1 SECTION 18.1

PERCUTANEOUS TRANSLUMINAL CORONARY ANGIOPLASTY

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I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

92982, 92984

II. DESCRIPTION

Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) is an angiographic technique used to improve myocardial blood flow by dilating focal atherosclerotic stenoses in coronary arteries.

III. POLICY

A. PTCA, with or without placement of an intravascular stent, is covered when reliable evidence supports that the procedure is safe, effective, and comparable or superior to conventional therapies (proven).

B. The AIS Excimer Laser Angioplasty, used separately or in conjunction with a PTCA procedure, is covered.

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